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May 26, 2011

Federal Communications Commission
c/o Marlene Dortch, Secretary
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

WT 11-65: In the Matter of Applications of AT&T Inc. and Deutsche Telekom AG for Consent to Assign or Transfer Control of Licenses and Authorizations

Dear Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners:

Providing education to our nation's youth and assistance to developmentally disabled people are two essential tasks that must be completed with the utmost care. At the Fogarty Center we work tirelessly toward this goal and that is why we support the AT&T/T-Mobile merger. I'm writing to you today with the hope that you will follow suit and support this transaction.


Countless communities, school, and businesses will have access to a state of the art technology that they would not have had without this merger thanks to the millions of residents the merged company intends to cover if this transaction is permitted to take place.

Under the new AT&T, schools will be better to bring cutting edge technology into the classroom, enhancing learning environments and boosting the quality of teaching. By connecting to other schools across the country, each classroom will have a world of new opportunities to utilize while trying to teach and compete.

Developmentally disabled Americans will also significantly benefit from this merger. The developmentally disabled have faced many challenges as they try to learn and live in the United States. New tools and teaching techniques that will arrive as a result of this merger will go far in assisting this too often overlooked segment of society.

I'm asking you to take all Americans into consideration – especially our children and the developmentally disabled – when making your decision. I believe that you will find that this merger has the potential to do great things and bring positive results to classrooms across Rhode Island and the nation.

Sincerely,



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cc: Chairman Julius Genachowski
Commissioner Meredith Attwell Baker
Commissioner Mignon Clyburn
Commissioner Michael Copps
Commissioner Robert McDowell